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### **October Cleanup Progress Briefing to Feature Tour of Cleanup Projects**

The Oct. 14 Cleanup Progress Briefing will feature a bus tour of Fernald's major cleanup projects. The tour bus will leave from the Alpha Building promptly at 6:05 p.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. Interested stakeholders must complete a Fernald access request form by Oct. 9. For more information on registering for the tour, please contact Jeanie Foster, Fernald Visitors Bureau, 513-648-5883.

### **Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) to Meet Oct. 7**

The Fernald CRO will meet Oct. 7 at the Ross High School Media Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Before the meeting, the CRO will host a special reception for CRO members and interested stakeholders to meet Curt Paddock, the group's new economic development contractor. The CRO awarded the contract to Paddock on Sept. 11, upon receiving verbal approval from the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information about the CRO, please call 513-648-4168, or visit the CRO's Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>).

### **Progress Continues on the North Access Road**

By the end of September, paving and striping on the North Access Road should be completed and shoulder work and restoration will be underway. The road is scheduled to open in late October.

### **DOE to Award Contract for Rail Cars**

DOE is evaluating proposals for the procurement of 135 gondola rail cars to transport Fernald waste pit materials to an off-site, permitted commercial disposal facility. The contract award is anticipated to occur in late September or early October.

### ***Silo 3 Draft Explanation of Significant Differences Document Available for Public Inspection***

The *draft Explanation of Significant Differences* (ESD) document outlining the current proposed plan for the remediation of Silo 3 has been completed and sent to U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA. The draft ESD document currently proposes three treatment technologies for the remediation of Silo 3. After review and concurrence by regulators, the draft ESD document will be available for public review and comment and a public meeting will be held. A copy of the draft ESD is available at the PEIC, 513-648-7840.



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#### **Public Availability of the *Draft Silo 3 Waste Project Request for Proposal***

The *draft Silo 3 Waste Project Request for Proposal* (RFP) has been sent to DOE-Headquarters for review. The overall objective of remediating the Silo 3 waste is the safe retrieval, stabilization/solidification and off-site disposal of the waste. The public will be invited to review the draft Silo 3 Waste Project RFP as soon as the document is released from DOE-Headquarters. After the public has a chance to review the document, DOE will respond to public comments in the final Silo 3 Waste Project RFP and hold a public meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the Silo 3 Waste Project RFP.

#### **Public Availability of the *1996 Site Environmental Report***

The *1996 Site Environmental Report* should be available to the public by the end of September or early October. The report summarizes results of the ongoing Environmental Monitoring Program for samples collected during calendar year 1996. The dose to the maximally exposed individual for 1996 was estimated to be approximately 1.0 millirem. Copies of the report will be available at the PEIC, 513-648-7480.